

REMARKS

The final Office Action dated May 3, 2007, has been carefully considered. Claims 30-35 are pending in the present application. Claim 30 has been amended herein to more particularly claim a certain embodiment of the present invention. Support for such amendment can be found in the originally-filed specification at, for example, page 5, lines 32-34. No new matter has been added.

Entry of the above amendment and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

I. CLAIM REJECTION UNDER § 102(b)

Claims 30-35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by European Patent Application No. EP 0689807 to Turnlund *et al.* (“Turnlund”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As amended, claim 30 recites a medical device comprising a metal. Claims 31-35 depend from claim 30 and, thus, include all the recitations of claim 30.

Turnlund does not teach or suggest a medical device comprising a metal as recited in claim 30. Instead, Turnlund is directed to biodegradable mesh-and-film stents that are constructed of biodegradable materials (Abstract). Turnlund does not disclose or suggest the use of a metal in such stents.

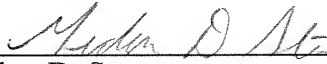
Therefore, it is believed that claims 30-35 are patentable over Turnlund. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claims 30-35 are respectfully requested.

II. CONCLUSION

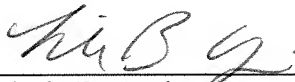
As the claim rejection has been overcome, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner not agree with Applicant's position, then a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues and expedite the allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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